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Idaho Legislature – 2011 Legislative Session My Bill Tracker

Overview

My Bill Tracker is a real-time web-based bill tracking system that allows users to follow / track legislation throughout the legislative bill process. By maintaining lists of legislation, users are able to follow the progress of the legislation they are interested in without having to sort or search through an entire years worth of work from the legislature. This web-based application is available at no charge to its users.

By creating multiple lists, users are able to categorize the legislation they wish to track. For example, grouping all Taxation related bills on one list, and all Education related legislation on another. Legislation can also be added to multiple lists, for example the same bill might be included in lists regarding Taxation, Transportation, and Agriculture.

You <u>must have a valid email account</u> to sign-up / login to use the Idaho Legislature Bill Tracker program. My Bill Tracker program will allow you to create and maintain personalized lists of legislation to track, you can choose to be notified by email when a new action occurs on any of the bills on your list(s), add your own notes to bills on your lists, and print your list(s). The notes you enter regarding a particular piece of legislation are personal to you, and are not visible to other users.

Note: E-mail notifications are sent once per day and only if action is taken on tracked bills and/or resolutions, proclamations, and memorials. If no action is taken, e-mail notification will not be sent.

Getting Started

From the Idaho Legislature home page http://legislature.idaho.gov/ click on the My Bill Tracker link.

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- Bill Center text, history, statements of purpose, fiscal notes of legislation
- <u>Calendars and Agendas</u> House and Senate reading calendars and committee agendas
- Committee Minutes minutes of House and Senate standing committees
- House and Senate Journals daily record of House and Senate business
- <u>Budget Hearing Schedule</u> Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee
- Administrative Rules committee review books, rules reviewed during interim & 2012 Rules
- 2012 Mini Directory and 2012 Legislative Directory summary of legislator information
- <u>Video and Audio Streaming</u> live coverage of House and Senate; committee hearings
- My Bill Tracker Sign up / Login here to track bills, create multiple bill lists & receive email notifications

Note: you must have a valid email account to register / sign up for this service.

Sign / Login to My Bill Tracker

If this is your first time visiting "MyBillTracker" you will need to register / create an account before you can sign in and create tracking lists.

If you have already created an account sign in by typing the Email / password you

registered with and click on the "Login" button.



Creating an Account

You must have a valid email account to create / sign up for MyBillTracker.

1. Click on the "Create Account" on the left menu bar or the hyperlink "Create New MyBillTracker Account" at the bottom of the page.

The "Create New MyBillTracker Account" screen will be displayed.



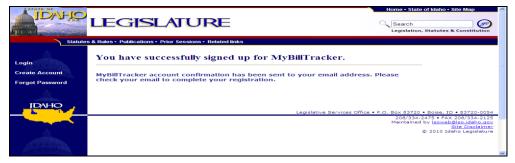
1. Email: Type in a valid email address

2. Password: Type in a password

3. Confirm Password: Type in the same password

4. Click on the "Sign Up" button.

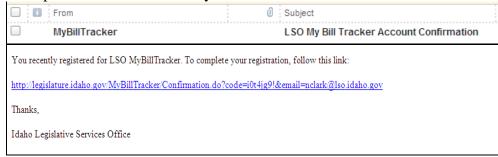
The following screen will be displayed. Close this screen and check your email to continue registering.



Signup / Register and Email Notification

You will see an email from MyBillTracker with a subject of LSO My Bill Tracker Account Confirmation. *If you do not see this email in your in box, please check your junk or spam folder(s)*.

Example of Email notification you will receive

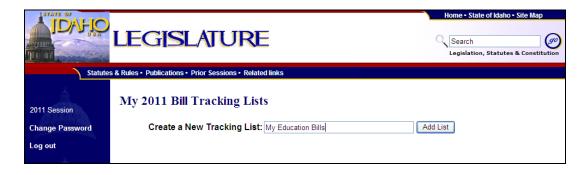


1. Click on the link in the email notification; you will automatically be logged in to your account and taken to the "My 2011 Bill Tracking Lists" screen where you will create your tracking list(s) and add available bills.



Creating a Tracking List

- 1. In the "Create a New Tracking List" field, type a personalized name for your list **Example**: *My Education Bills* or *My Bills*
- 2. Click the "Add List" button.



You can create additional lists at this time or at a later date / time after logging into your account.

Example of two lists created.



Selecting to Receive Email Notification(s)

E-mail notifications are sent once per day <u>and</u> only if action is taken on tracked bills and/or resolutions, proclamations, and memorials. If no action is taken, e-mail notification will not be sent.

If you wish to receive daily email notification when / if actions occur on any bills in your list check the "Add Email Notification" check box for the list(s) in which you wish to be notified. Note: you can come back and select / de-select email notifications at anytime.



Adding / Removing Bills

After you have created your list(s) you can add/remove bills, delete or print your list. Note: you must add bills to your list before clicking on the "Print" link, otherwise the list will be blank.



1. Click on the "Add/Remove Bills" link within the row of the list you wish to add/remove bills.

The "Add" bill screen is made up of two columns, the first column on the left of the screen is a list of bills that have been introduced by both House and Senate and available for tracking, the column on the right will be your list / the bills you choose to track. As you add bills to "your" list those bills will be removed from the "Add" bill list.

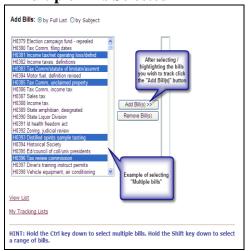
Selecting Bills by Full List

You can choose to select bills "by Full List" or "by Subject"; by default the full list will be selected. The full lists are all bills that have been introduced by both the House and Senate, this list can / will get quite large. If you know the subject / topic of the bill(s) you wish to track select the "by Subject" option; this option will list all bills related to the subject / topic you select. See Selecting Bills by Subject.



- 1. Select a bill. Click on the "Add Bill(s)" button or
- 2. Select multiple bills by, holding the **Ctrl** Key down and using your mouse click on each bill you wish to add to your list. Click on the "Add Bills(s)" button **or**
- 3. Click on the first bill you wish to add to your list, hold the Shift key down and click / select on the last bill you wish to add to your list. Click on the "Add Bill(s)" button.

Multiple Bills Selected



Range of Bills Selected

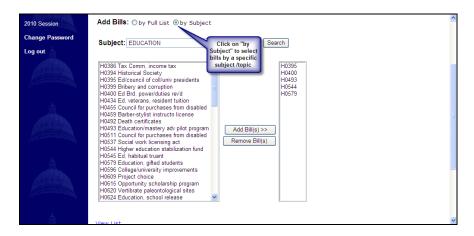


Note: As you add bills to "your" list those bills will be removed from the "Add" bill list. This is list specific.

Selecting Bills by Subject

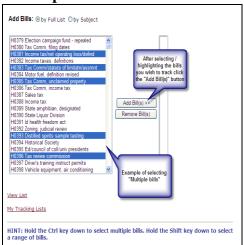
This option lists bills that have been indexed to specific subjects / topics by the Legislative Research Library. If you know the subject / topic of the bill(s) you wish to track select the "by Subject" option; this option will list all bills related to the subject / topic you select if the bills have been indexed to the selected subject / topic. When tracking by Subject, check back often to see if new bills have been added to the subject of interest; you will need to add new bills to your list as they become available.

- 1. Click on the "by Subject" option
- 2. Click on the drop down box and begin to type the subject, select the subject, click search, bills relating to that subject will be displayed.

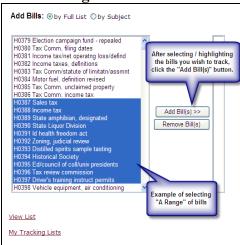


- 3. Select a bill. Click on the "Add Bill(s)" button or
- 4. Select multiple bills by, holding the **Ctrl** Key down and using your mouse click on each bill you wish to add to your list. Click on the "Add Bills(s)" button **or**
- 5. Click on the first bill you wish to add to your list, hold the Shift key down and click / select on the last bill you wish to add to your list. Click on the "Add Bill(s)" button.

Multiple Bills Selected



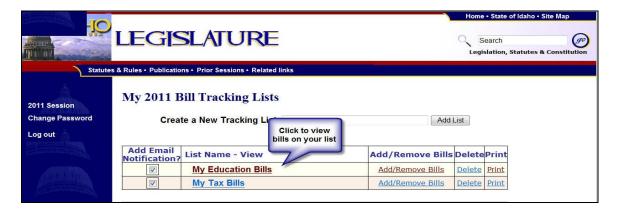
Range of Bills Selected



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View, Print, or Add Notes to your List(s)

This option displays bills, bill description, last action take on the bill, check box indicator if you have added notes and a link / screen to add, view, or edit notes. You can also print your list with notes you've added or without notes from this screen.

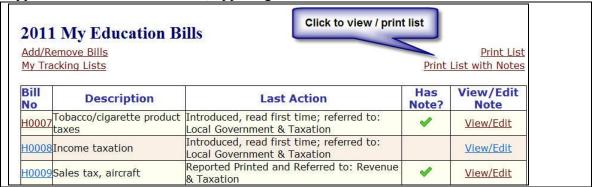


The list screen displays all bills you selected for this list, from this screen; you will see a list of all bills for the selected list, you can view the text of the bill by clicking on the bill number, see a brief description of the bill, the last action that occurred on the bill, and add personalized notes for one or more bills (notes are by bill not list). If / when notes are added to a bill within your list a green check mark will be displayed to indicate notes are attached to that bill; you can also click on the check mark to view / edit your notes.



View or Print List

View or print your lists by clicking on the "Print List" or "Print List with Notes" hyperlink above the "Bill List", upper right corner.



Print List

My Education Bills					
Bill No	Description	Last Action			
H0007	Tobacco/cigarette product taxes	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation			
H0008	Income taxation	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation			
H0009	Sales tax, aircraft	Reported Printed and Referred to: Revenue & Taxation			
H0010	Motor fuels tax	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation			
H0011	Forest lands, cost study	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation			
H0012	Motor fuels tax	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation			
H0013	State tax commission	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation			
H0014	Election consolidation	Reported Printed and Referred to: State Affairs			
H0015	Lava Hot Springs Foundation	Read second time; Filed for Third Reading			
H0016	Administration department	Reported Printed and Referred to: State Affairs			
H0017	Transportation dept/comml drvr rqmt	Reported Printed and Referred to: Transportation & Defense			
H0018	Abandoned motor vehicles, storage	Reported Printed and Referred to: Transportation & Defense			
H0019	Medical marijuana	Reported Printed and Referred to: Health & Welfare			
H0020	Univ of Idaho, fees	U.C. to hold place on third reading calendar until Monday, January 31, 2011			
H0021	Education, Public Records	U.C. to hold place on third reading calendar until Monday, January 31, 2011			
S1034	Education/tech transfer	Reported Printed; referred to Education			

Print List with Notes – This list can be sorted by Bill or Notes – defaults by Bill Number. Click on "Note" header or "Bill No." header to change sort order.

Bill No	Description	Last Action	Note	
H0007	Tobacco/cigarette product taxes	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation	new notes	
8000H	Income taxation	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation		
H0009	Sales tax, aircraft	Reported Printed and Referred to: Revenue & Taxation	H 9 note adding new notes	
H0010	Motor fuels tax	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation		
H0011	Forest lands, cost study	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation	1234 note	
H0012	Motor fuels tax	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation		
H0013	State tax commission	Introduced, read first time; referred to: Local Government & Taxation		
H0014	Election consolidation	Reported Printed and Referred to: State Affairs		
H0015	Lava Hot Springs Foundation	Read second time; Filed for Third Reading		
H0016	Administration department	Reported Printed and Referred to: State Affairs		
H0017	Transportation dept/comml drvr rqmt	Reported Printed and Referred to: Transportation & Defense	2	
H0018	Abandoned motor vehicles, storage	Reported Printed and Referred to: Transportation & Defense		
H0019	Medical marijuana	Reported Printed and Referred to: Health & Welfare		
H0020	Univ of Idaho, fees	U.C. to hold place on third reading calendar until Monday, January 31, 2011		
H0021	Education, Public Records	U.C. to hold place on third reading calendar until Monday, January 31, 2011	these are my notes; nice new features	
S1034	Education/tech transfer	Reported Printed; referred to Education	this is my new notes	

Forgot Password

The "Forgot Password" option allows you to get a new password if you forget the one you registered with when you signed up for MyBillTracker.



Click on one of the "Forgot Password" options. Type the email address that you registered when signing up for MyBillTracker.



An email will be sent with a temporary password and you will be directed to the "Change Password" screen where you will enter a new password.

Sample email



Example Change Password



Log Out

Please Log out when you are done using MyBillTracker.